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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
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CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

H82.2-10148

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known):

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.:
PCT/NO00/00093

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TITLE OF INVENTION: A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FEED PELLETS AND PLANT FOR USE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US:

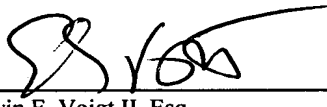
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.29 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment. Please enter the amendment before fee calculation.
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☐ Other items or information:

17. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
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Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO \$ 930.00					
International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) \$ 490.00					
No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) \$ 750.00					
Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$ 1,070.00					
International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Articles 33(2)-33(4) \$ 98.00					
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	- 20 =		x \$ 22.00	\$	
Independent Claims	- 3 =		x \$ 82.00	\$	
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)			+ \$ 270.00	\$	
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$	
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a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$__ to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.					
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing fee is NOT ENCLOSED - fee will be paid at the time of responding to Notice of Missing Requirements - DO NOT CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT					
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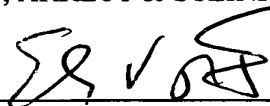
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:
23Pg Preliminary Amendment; VAS Transmittal Letter; and Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
 - ☐ No additional fee is required.
 - ☐ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$ _____.
 - ☐ Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.
 - ☒ Filing Fee Will be paid at the time of responding to the Notice of Missing Requirements.
3. **CONDITIONAL PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**
This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
4. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

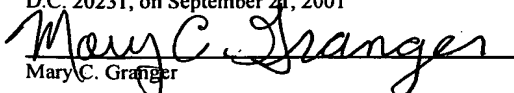
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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.10: I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s) as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as EXPRESS MAIL, Label No. EV013260463US, addressed to Box PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on September 21, 2001


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